

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROBERT N.  
BROADBENT

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 10, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and accomplishments of my friend and mentor Robert N. Broadbent, a lifelong resident of Southern Nevada who dedicated his life to public service. Robert Broadbent passed away in August 2003, but he left a legacy of honor and integrity that will not be forgotten.

Robert "Bob" Broadbent was born in Ely, Nevada on June 19, 1926. From a young age, his parents, N.E. "Broddie" and Hope Broadbent, instilled in him strong family values and a commitment to serving his community. Bob's father served as mayor of Ely for 16 years, and also served on the University Board of Regents and the State Pharmacy Board. During World War II, Bob served 2 years in the Army Air Corps. When he returned home, Bob attended the California Institute of Technology and the University of Nevada, Reno, before earning his bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Idaho State University in 1950. Upon graduation from college, Bob began working at Rexall Drug in Boulder City, Nevada, and eventually purchased the drug store.

On January 4, 1960, Boulder City was officially incorporated under the State of Nevada. The city charter called for an elected five-member council, which would then choose one of its members as mayor. Bob was elected a member of the city council, and was then appointed to be the first mayor of Boulder City. The post entitled him to a seat on the board of directors for the newly formed Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority LVCVA. Bob served on the LVCVA board for 20 years and spent 8 of those years as chairman. Bob remained on the Boulder City Council until 1968. By that time, his love for politics had prompted him to run for the Clark County Commission. He won, and served 12 years on the Commission, representing a district that included Boulder City, Henderson and North Las Vegas. Bob also served as the Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Water and Science under President Ronald Reagan, and was Clark County Director of Aviation from 1987-97. During his tenure as Director of Aviation, McCarran International Airport became one of the Nation's 10 busiest airports in the United States.

Though Bob served the State of Nevada with honor and distinction, his greatest legacy is his family. He and his wife Sue raised four children, Bob, Kathy, Doug and Michele, who became strong members of the southern Nevada community. They have 15 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

There are several lasting monuments that add to the legacy of Bob Broadbent, including the Las Vegas Monorail, which is named in his honor. On Tuesday, July 4, 2006, the city of Boulder City named a park for him. A bust of Bob Broadbent now stands at the corner of 5th Street and Avenue B, on the northwest corner of the newly dedicated Broadbent Park, formerly known as Central Park, or the Pool Park, as the residents of Boulder City know it.

Bob's leadership was unsurpassed and his example was one of the driving forces behind

my desire to be involved in public service. He was a valued friend who taught me a great deal about the political world and how to approach it with honor and integrity.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join with the people of Boulder City in paying tribute to Robert N. Broadbent on the floor of the House. His life stands as a tremendous example of leadership. He dedicated his life to enriching and improving our community and I am grateful for the legacy of service he left for the people of southern Nevada.

**FREEDOM FOR DR. JOSE LUIS  
GARCÍA PANEQUE**

**HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 10, 2006*

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind my Colleagues about Dr. Jose Luis García Paneque, a political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

Dr. García Paneque is a leader of the opposition movement in Cuba. He is a surgeon by training, and a member of the Cuban Independent Medical Association. He is also a leading independent journalist. As a director of the independent news agency Libertad and a member of the Manuel Marquez Sterling Journalists Society, Dr. García Paneque has also devoted his efforts to letting the world know the truth about the nightmare that is the Castro regime.

On March 18, 2003, as part of the tyrant's heinous island wide crackdown on peaceful, pro-democracy activists, Dr. García Paneque was arrested. After a sham trial, he was sentenced to 24 years in the totalitarian gulag. Let me be very clear, Dr. García Paneque is a young doctor in a dungeon because he is a supporter of freedom, democracy, and because he worked to shine the light of truth on the depravity and horror that is the Cuban tyranny.

The U.S. Department of State's Country Reports on Human Rights Practices—2005, describes the deplorable conditions in the totalitarian gulag, "Prison conditions continued to be harsh and life threatening." Unfortunately, this is far too true for Dr. García Paneque. According to various reports, he has lost over 40 kilograms while in prison. He has had to be hospitalized multiple times while incarcerated. The latest reports are especially disturbing. Once again hospitalized because of the depraved conditions in the totalitarian gulag, he is now suffering from various life threatening maladies.

The Castro tyranny is not only murdering Dr. García Paneque because he believes in liberty, they are also attacking his family. According to a report filed by Yamilet de los Angeles Llanes Labrada, "Dr. García Paneque's four children are psychologically affected by their father's imprisonment and by the constant harassment they are forced to sustain. At least three times a week, groups cry out dictatorship slogans from outside García Paneque's home." This is the grotesque reality of living under Castro's tyranny: if you demonstrate your belief in freedom, the tyrant will lock you in a dungeon and regime thugs will mercilessly attack your family.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. García Paneque is the face of the real Cuba. Despite these gangster

tactics, heinous threats, and life threatening illness, Dr. García Paneque continues to demand human rights for the people of Cuba. He is languishing in an infernal gulag because he believes in freedom, truth, democracy, and human rights. His family is being constantly threatened because of these "dangerous" beliefs.

Mr. Speaker, it is unconscionable that journalists and physicians like Dr. García Paneque are locked in dungeons for writing the truth. At the dawn of the 21st Century, it must no longer be acceptable for anyone in the world, anywhere in the world, to be locked in a gulag for reporting the facts. My Colleagues, we must demand the immediate and unconditional release of Jose Luis García Paneque and every political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

**HONORING HEARTLE WELLS FOR  
MORE THAN 25 YEARS OF EXEM-  
PLARY SERVICE WITH AVERITT  
EXPRESS**

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 10, 2006*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Heartle Wells for more than 25 years of exemplary service with Averitt Express.

In honor of this milestone, Wednesday, July 12, has been declared "Heartle Wells Day" by his employer.

Through these many years, Heartle has done more than pick up and deliver freight in and around Lebanon in his red Averitt Express semi. In the community, both his sense of humor and his compassion are well-known and retold by many through "Heartle stories."

Heartle's co-workers tell me he is a prankster whose jokes have grown to urban myth proportions over the years. But Heartle also has a serious side, and he always has taken the time to help customers with special situations and community members in need.

I commend Heartle for providing an example to his fellow driver sales associates and the citizens of Wilson County that extends beyond his red cab. I congratulate him on his 25 years of service, and I wish him many more years of success.

**TRIBUTE TO DOYLE WILLIS**

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 10, 2006*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my deep heart-felt regrets for the loss of a great Texan, Doyle Willis, who dedicated 42 years of his life to Texas politics, and was fondly described as "one of the last remaining war horses in Texas," by former Fort Worth City Councilman Jim Lane.

Mr. Willis was a World War II veteran who proudly represented central Fort Worth as both a State Senator and as a House Representative between 1947 and 1997, marking his 42 year career as the second longest tenure in Texas history.

Often referred to as a legend in Texas politics, Mr. Willis, was well known for looking